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REMARKS

Claims 6, 8, 11, 35, 37, 40, and 62-116 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-61 are canceled without prejudice for filing in a divisional and/or continuation application(s). Claims 6, 8, 11, 35, 37, and 40 are amended. New claims 62-116 are added.

Support for new claims 62-65, 73-75, and 82-85 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 1, lines 30-33, bridging sentence, page 2, lines 1-26.

Support for new claims 66, 76, and 86 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 1, lines 30-33, bridging sentence, page 2, lines 27-29.

Support for new claims 67, 77, and 87 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 1, lines 30-33, bridging sentence, page 2, lines 29-30.

Support for new claims 68, 78, and 88 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 1, lines 30-33, bridging sentence, page 2, line 30, bridging sentence, page 3, lines 1-2.

Support for new claims 69-72, 79-81, and 89-91 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 26, lines 8-10.

Support for new claims 92-95, 101-104, and 109-112 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 7, lines 31.

Support for new claims 96, 105, and 113 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 7, lines 31, bridging sentence, page 8, lines 1-2.

Support for new claims 97, 106, and 114 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 8, lines 2-3.

Support for new claims 98-100, 107, 108, 115, and 116 can be found in the (substitute) specification, for example, on page 26, lines 10-12.

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Allowable Claims And Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-61 stand rejected. Claims 6, 8, 11, 35, 37, and 40 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Although not agreeing with the rejections of 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-61, to facilitate prosecution, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-34, 36, 38, 39, and 41-61 have been canceled, and claims 6, 8, 11, 35, 37, and 40 have been rewritten in independent form. Further, new claims 62-112 have been added.

Claims 62-72 depend directly or indirectly from claim 6. Claim 6 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 62-72 add additional limitations to claim 6, and hence should also be patentable.

Claims 73-81 depend directly or indirectly from claim 8. Claim 8 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 73-81 add additional limitations to claim 8, and hence should also be patentable.

Claims 82-91 depend directly or indirectly from claim 11. Claim 11 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 82-91 add additional limitations to claim 11, and hence should also be patentable.

Claims 92-100 depend directly or indirectly from claim 35. Claim 35 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 92-100 add additional limitations to claim 35, and hence should also be patentable.

Claims 101-108 depend directly or indirectly from claim 37. Claim 37 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 101-108 add additional limitations to claim 37, and hence should also be patentable.

Claims 109-116 depend directly or indirectly from claim 40. Claim 40 is said to be allowable. Therefore, claims 109-116 add additional limitations to claim 40, and hence should also be patentable.

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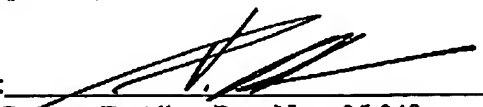
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims of the pending claims, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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